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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Document AS4 is in a foreign language. An English translation is not readily available. Document AS4 appears to show that in FRET (fluorescence resonance energy transfer) (wherein energy is passed non-radiatively over a long distance (10-100 A) between a donor molecule, which is a fluorophore, and an acceptor molecule), the donor absorbs a photon and transfers this energy non-radiatively to the acceptor. Further, document AS4 appears to show that the efficiency of energy transfer is proportional to D x 10^{-6}, where D is

the distance between the donor and acceptor. Effectively, this means that FRET can most efficiently occur up to distances of about 70 A.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

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	AF1	4,582,789	04/15/1986	Sheldon, III *et al.*	435	6	12/18/1984
	AG1	4,683,194	07/28/1987	Saiki *et al.*	435	6	03/28/1985
	AH1	4,683,202	07/28/1987	Mullis	435	91	10/25/1985
	AI1	4,889,818	12/26/1989	Gelfand *et al.*	435	194	06/17/1987
	AJ1	4,965,188	10/23/1990	Mullis *et al.*	435	6	06/17/1987
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	AN1	EP 0 144 914	11/29/1984	Europe			Yes No
	AO1	EP 0 119 448	02/10/1984	Europe			Yes No
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	AS	1	Austermann, S., *et al.*, "Inhibition of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Reverse Transcriptase by 3'-Blocked Oligonucleotide Primers," *Biochem. Pharmacol. 43*:2581-2589, Elsevier Science, Oxford, England (1992).
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	AA2	5,079,352	01/07/1992	Gelfand *et al.*	536	27	05/15/1990
	AB2	5,143,854	09/01/1992	Pirrung *et al.*	436	518	03/07/1990
	AC2	5,137,814	08/11/1992	Rashtchian *et al.*	435	91	06/14/1991
	AD2	5,194,370	03/16/1993	Berninger *et al.*	436	501	05/16/1990
	AE2	5,244,797	09/14/1993	Kotewicz *et al.*	435	194	03/18/1991
	AF2	5,252,743	10/12/1993	Barrett *et al.*	548	303.7	11/13/1990
	AG2	5,270,179	12/14/1993	Chatterjee	435	69.1	01/28/1992
	AH2	5,334,515	08/02/1994	Rashtchian *et al.*	435	91.2	03/29/1993
	AI2	5,338,671	08/16/1994	Scalice *et al.*	435	91.2	10/07/1992
	AJ2	5,348,853	09/20/1994	Wang *et al.*	435	6	12/16/1991
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	AN2	EP 0 329 822	08/26/1988	Europe			Yes No
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	AB3	5,436,327	07/25/1995	Southern *et al.*	536	25.34	10/21/1989
	AC3	5,445,934	08/29/1995	Fodor *et al.*	435	6	10/30/1992
	AD3	5,449,603	09/12/1995	Nielson *et al.*	435	6	10/24/1989
	AE3	5,455,166	10/03/1995	Walker	435	91.2	01/09/1992
	AF3	5,512,462	04/30/1996	Cheng	435	91.2	02/25/1994
	AG3	5,578,467	11/26/1996	Schuster *et al.*	435	91.2	05/20/1994
	AH3	5,587,287	12/24/1996	Scalice *et al.*	435	6	04/07/1994
	AI3	5,593,840	01/14/1997	Bhatnagar *et al.*	435	6	06/05/1995
	AJ3	5,594,183	01/14/1997	Colin	73	864.52	07/26/1994
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	AM3	WO 92/06188	04/16/1992	WIPO			Yes No
	AN3	WO 92/06200	04/16/1992	WIPO			Yes No
	AO3	WO 92/14845	09/03/1992	WIPO			Yes No
	AP3	EP 0 684 315	03/13/1995	Europe			Yes No

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	AS	3	Clegg, R.M., "Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer and Nucleic Acids," *Methods Enzymol. 211*:353-388, Academic Press Inc., New York, NY (1992).
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	AB4	5,605,824	02/25/1997	Nielson *et al.*	435	194	06/16/1993
	AC4	5,614,365	03/25/1997	Tabor *et al.*	435	6	11/10/1994
	AD4	5,639,611	06/17/1997	Wallace *et al.*	435	6	11/09/1994
	AE4	5,646,019	07/08/1997	Nielson *et al.*	435	91.5	04/07/1994
	AF4	5,668,005	09/16/1997	Kotewicz *et al.*	435	194	03/12/1996
	AG4	5,728,526	03/17/1998	George, Jr. *et al.*	435	6	01/07/1995
	AH4	5,763,170	06/09/1998	Raybuck	435	6	06/05/1995
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	AJ4	5,800,992	09/01/1998	Fodor *et al.*	435	6	06/25/1996
	AK4	5,837,832	11/17/1998	Chee *et al.*	536	22.1	05/16/1995

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	AM4	EP 0 436 644 B1	04/17/1996	Europe			Yes No
	AN4	EP 0 795 612 A2	09/17/1997	Europe			Yes No
	AO4	WO 98/35060	08/13/1998	WIPO			Yes No
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	AS	4	Forster, Z., "Experimentelle und theoretische Untersuchung des zwischenmolekularen Übergangs von Elektronenanregungsenergie," *Z. Naturforsh* 4A:321-327, Verlag der Zeitschrift für Naturforschung, Tübingen, Germany (1949).
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	AC5	5,869,251	02/09/1999	Schuster *et al.*	435	6	11/25/1996
	AD5	5,876,930	03/02/1999	Livak *et al.*	435	6	11/15/1995
	AE5	5,925,517	07/20/1999	Tyagi, *et al.*	435	6	05/12/1995
	AF5	5,948,899	09/07/1999	Arnold, Jr. *et al.*	536	24.3	06/05/1995
	AG5	5,952,172	09/14/1999	Mende *et al.*	435	6	06/12/1997
	AH5	6,037,130	03/14/2000	Tyagi, *et al.*	435	6	07/28/1998
	AI5	6,048,690	04/11/2000	Heller *et al.*	435	6	05/14/1997
	AJ5	6,090,552	07/18/2000	Nazarenko *et al.*	435	6	07/11/1997
	AK5	5,714,331	02/03/1998	Buchardt *et al.*	435	6	07/24/1996

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	AS	5	Houts, G.E., *et al.*, "Reverse Transcriptase from Avian Myeloblastosis Virus," *J. Virol. 29*:517-522, American Society for Microbiology, Baltimore, MD (1979).
	AT	5	Idriss, H., and Stammers, D.K., "Inhibition of HIV-1 Reverse Transcriptase by Defined Template/Primer DNA Oligonucleotides: Effect of Template Length and Binding Characteristics," *J. Enzyme Inhib. 8*:91-112, Harwood Academic, Chur, New York (1994).

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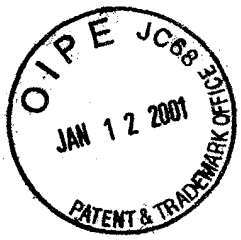

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